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Cost Data on Alternate Locations for the Proposed Destructor at

Ref. : Your Memo to this Office dated 21 May 1957, on the Destructor Question

1. Attached are cost estimates covering the installation of the subject destructor in (a) the proposed addition to the Records Building, (b) a separate building built especially for it and located close to the Records Building.

2. You will note, the cost of locating the destructor in the Records Building exceeds the cost of a separate structure. This is due to the fact that the space arrangement as now designed in the addition to the Records Building would have to be changed to provide a properly located area for this destructor. Such a change involves the enlargement of the excavated basement, a new ramp and the additional cost of this work.

3. The proposed close location of the separate structure to the Records Building and the method under consideration to feed the machine directly from fork lifts down through the building roof would make the separate structure proposal as operationally desirable as having the destructor located in the addition to the Records Building. The Management Staff representatives concur in this point.

4. It should be pointed out that the Records Building addition is not scheduled to be completed before 1 March 1958. ~~Therefore~~ the operation or testing of the destructor could not be made before that date. A separate structure can be erected and ready any days after the availability of finances for the construction and the award of a contract.

5. In order to locate the destructor in the addition, funds must be made available immediately. Bids on the construction of the addition to the Records Building will be received on 20 June 1957. It is expected that this project will be under contract prior to 1 July 1957.

6. This office recommends that the destructor be placed in a separate building. If the destructor should not be retained after its testing then the building may be turned over to the station for warehousing which is badly needed.

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